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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/545,564; Filed: April 7, 2000
(a continuation-in-part of 09/260,079)
For: **Patent-Related Tools and Methodology for
Use in Research and Development Projects**
Inventors: Germeraad *et al.*
Our Ref: 1531.0310001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Pending Second Application (PTO/SB/25);
3. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
4. One (1) return postcard; and
5. SKG&F check no. 34334 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover fee for filing Terminal Disclaimer.

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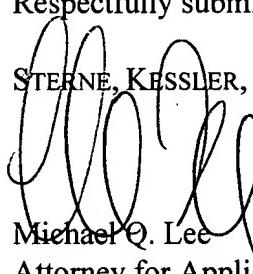
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Number	09/645,564 (a continuation-in-part of 09/260,079)
Filing Date	April 7, 2000
Inventors	Germeraad et al.
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- Applicant claims small entity status
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101	740	201	370
106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
108	740	208	370
114	160	214	80

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	- 20** =	X =
Indep. Claims	- 3** =	X =
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103	18	203
102	84	202
104	280	204
108	84	209
110	18	210

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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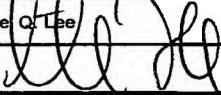
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